



Birthdays

Ashley Johnson 3/1

Mark King 3/1

Kyle Cobb 3/2

Jimmy Barrett 3/4

Tim Swann 3/4

Greg Robinson 3/6

Britt Gammon 3/10

Doug English 3/15

Ben Thorpe 3/15

Jeff Clementi 3/16

Billy Vinson 3/19

Lucas Dearden 3/20

Eugene Todd 3/21

Alan Farrar 3/22

Randy Rae 3/23

David Cranford 3/25

Scott Duncan 3/25

Mike Adams 3/28

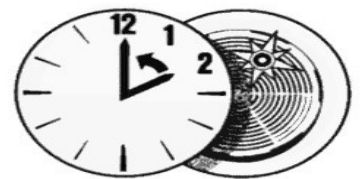


DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

March 9th begins Daylight Saving time. Don't forget to "Spring Forward" and set your clock an hour ahead. Daylight Saving time is also a great time for changing the batteries in the smoke detectors in your home.

If you are unsure if you have the correct number of smoke detectors in your home or need additional smoke detectors, call 615-893-1422 8:00 am-4:30 pm Monday through Friday to take advantage of MFRD's Project SAFE (Smoke Alarms for Everyone) program. MFRD offers free smoke detectors and installation. MFRD also has a variety of specialty smoke detectors for the elderly and the disabled, hearing, or visually impaired.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

MFRD TO HOLD FIRST ANNUAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTER REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department will hold the first annual "Remembrance Ceremony" for fallen firefighters Winfred Vaughn and AC Cartwright on Saturday, March 1 at 1:00 pm.

The ceremony will take place on the northwest side of the public square at the site of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial. MFRD's national award-winning Honor Guard will perform a traditional bell ringing tribute during the ceremony and Maggi Vaughn, Poet Laureate of Tennessee (and daughter of Winfred Vaughn) will recite a short poem.

Vaughn and Cartwright were killed March 1, 1939 (75 years ago) on the way to a grass fire, when the fire truck they were riding on was struck by another vehicle.

"The ceremony will be brief, yet meaningful," said Fire Chief Cumbeby Gaines, "and it will be open to the media and the public."



CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTION STATION MARCH 5

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department, in conjunction with Safe Kids, and with the assistance of Murfreesboro Police Department, Rutherford County EMS, and Rutherford County Sheriff's Office, will host a Child Safety Seat Inspection Station at Rutherford County S.O.R.T. office (585 Fortress Boulevard) on Wednesday, March 5 from 3:00-5:00 pm.

The inspection station is the final requirement for a 3-day course to certify nine MFRD personnel, along with personnel from MPD, RCEMS, and RSCO, as Child Safety Seat Technicians.

The inspection station can be utilized by parents and caregivers to ensure that a child's safety seat is installed properly. Whether you need to check a car seat that is already installed or have not installed your seat yet, personnel can assist you.

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INSPECTION STATION CONTINUED...

Statistics show that approximately 90 percent of vehicles that come through the inspection stations have car seats that are installed incorrectly.

"Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department wants to try our best to contribute to a change in that statistic," said Fire Chief Cumbey Gaines. "Let our Child Safety Seat Technicians make sure your child's seat is properly installed."

IN THE NEWS

A recent news story illustrates the importance of having your child secured properly in their car seat. Josh Carney of Shelbyville and his two-year-old son Mason were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Monday, February 24 near Christiana Middle School. Their vehicle was rear-ended by a pickup truck. Mason's seat belt was severed by a piece of metal, and he was ejected from the car in his car seat.

Carney credits the car seat for saving his child's life. He told a local news station, "Half of the car was missing, so I looked at the back seat and I couldn't find my son. He wasn't in the vehicle. He was still in his car seat strapped in just like I left him. I could not believe it." He continued, "We're blessed that we were responsible enough to tighten those restraining belts."

Carney and his wife Amy both encourage all parents to double check their child's car seat to make sure they are properly installed.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are unable to make it to Wednesday's Child Safety Seat Inspection Station, there are other opportunities to check your child's car seat. Contact MFRD's Administration Office at 615-893-1422 Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm for more information.



MCMAHAN NAMED FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH MARCH 2014

Captain Kurt McMahan has been named Firefighter of the Month for March 2014.

MFRD heard about a little boy in Rhode Island named Tyler Seddon that is going through his second battle with leukemia. Tyler's mother said he is very interested in first responders and wants to be one when he grows up. His birthday is coming up this month and she requested cards from public safety agencies from all over the nation.

When Kurt learned the department was getting involved, he volunteered to take the card around to be signed by all three shifts. He also volunteered to take on the task of getting a few items from MFRD to send to Tyler. Kurt used his own time and money to make sure that Tyler receives a special birthday surprise from his friends at MFRD.



**LINCOLN DAVID
FROST**

SON OF DAVID & HEATHER

BORN: FEBRUARY 13, 2014

AT 7 LBS / 14oz

19 3/4" LONG



If you notice MFRD personnel providing exemplary service, displaying professionalism, or representing the City of Murfreesboro in a positive light, please share your experience by nominating them for a Service Excellence Stars Award.

Click here for more information or to [Nominate a STAR.](#)

Kurt has been with MFRD since September 1994.

**Congratulations
Kurt!**



March Anniversaries

30 YEARS

Jack Black

23 YEARS

Laurie Alsup

15 YEARS

Michael Bartlett

Blake Insell

Jeff Irvin

David Sloan

10 YEARS

Dale Bilbrey

Bo Jones

Joe Pennington

Shan Womack

8 YEARS

Alan Farrar

7 YEARS

Ashley McDonald

2 YEARS

Jamie Layhead



**MOSES DAVID
BRANCH**

SON OF DAVID & SUMMER

BORN: FEBRUARY 14, 2014

AT 8 LBS / 10 oz

21" LONG